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TO: FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

FROM: JAMES EDWIN WHEDBEE, M.ED.

RE: PROPOSED CHANGE OF RULES FOR BROADBAND  
OVER THE POWER LINE

To the Commission:

I respectfully opposed the proposal on the grounds that the FCC is supposed to protect spectrum occupants from interference rather than open new potential sources of interference, such as is the case with broadband over the power line. Furthermore, I support the NTIA's expressions of concern with respect to this proposal and urge the FCC to consider that the present proposal may be somewhat contrary to what is in our national security interests. Finally, I hope the FCC will not take an approach which strictly favors what a major corporate interest desires rather than what truly represents what is in the public interest, convenience, and necessity - which I don't believe this proposal does.

I believe firmly that amateur radio operators - myself included - can work with anybody, even if we initially opposed their interests. Such is the case here: as an amateur radio operator, I will work with BPL if that's what the FCC decides to do...that's the only 'right' thing to do. However, I would urge the FCC to think more broadly about my motives behind saying this and consider that there is a real problem with interference that mere political assurances cannot dispell. As the teacher-sponsor of an experimental radio station, I would prefer my students not have to deal with rampant interference, but if that's what I must do, then I and they will do it. Again, look behind the motive behind this. Please, I urge you, deny this proposal.

Respectfully Submitted,

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